



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

August 10, 2004

The Honorable Board of Directors  
Los Angeles County  
Regional Park and Open Space District  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT SPECIFIED EXCESS FUNDS  
TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND  
AUTHORIZE AWARD AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXCESS FUNDS GRANT  
(FIRST DISTRICT - 3 - VOTE MATTER)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Allocate First Supervisorial District Specified Excess Funds in the amount of \$363,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition of property adjacent to the Los Angeles River in the City of Cudahy.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to award a grant to the City of Cudahy when applicable conditions have been met and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified and Per Parcel Projects.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Approval of the first recommendation will allocate \$363,000 in Specified Excess Funds to the MRCA for the acquisition of land in the City of Cudahy adjacent to the Los Angeles River for the development of two bike trail rest areas.

The Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically

identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District for highest priority regional open space and recreation projects including projects along the Los Angeles River and its tributaries.

The MRCA, which is the designated recipient of Specified Excess Funds for projects along the Los Angeles River under the 1996 Proposition, will assign the right to apply for the funds to the City of Cudahy. It is recommended that the Director of Parks and Recreation be authorized to award the grant to the City of Cudahy, when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant under procedures previously approved by your Board.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Service Excellence), Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility), Goal 5 (Children and Families' Well-being) and Goal 6 (Community Service) by allocating Excess Funds for enhanced recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$363,000 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

Funds for the grant are available from the First Supervisorial District's portion of the Regional Park and Open Space District allocations of Excess Funds for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The 1996 Proposition provides for an annual determination of the availability of excess funds and for allocation of such funds for capital projects in four categories. On June 8, 2004, your Board identified excess funds for capital projects in Fiscal Year 2004-05.

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds before prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

Your Board approved a Procedural Guide on June 17, 1997, to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants for Specified and Per Parcel projects. This Procedural Guide would appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grant as well.

County Counsel has reviewed these actions as to form.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 1997. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended project will provide additional recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River in the First Supervisorial District.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15061 (b) (3) of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that these actions will have no impact on the environment. Any projects funded through the District are required to undergo the applicable CEQA review by the City of Cudahy.

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### **CONCLUSION**

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and to return three conformed copies to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara N. Uyeda" followed by a stylized flourish.

Tim Gallagher  
Director, Parks and Recreation

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)  
County Counsel